

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A method for providing message services, comprising:
receiving a user notification message in an application;
receiving a user identifier for at least one recipient of the message in the
application, the user identifier operable to identify the recipient; and
providing the message and the user identifier from the application to a private
network operable to transmit the message to a mobile station for the recipient, the mobile
station having a corresponding mobile station identifier, the user identifier assigned to the
mobile station identifier in the private network.
- 10 2. The method of Claim 1, the application comprising a Web-based interface
operable to provide access to the private network.
- 15 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving authentication
information from a sender of the message.
- 20 4. The method of Claim 3, the authentication information comprising at least one
of a user name and a password.
- 25 5. The method of Claim 3, further comprising providing the authentication
information to the private network for authentication of the sender.
6. The method of Claim 5, further comprising determining whether the sender
has been authenticated by the private network.
- 30 7. The method of Claim 6, further comprising receiving a confirmation of the
authentication from the private network when the sender is authenticated by the private
network.
8. The method of Claim 7, receiving a user notification message comprising
receiving the message when the sender has been authenticated by the private network.

9. The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing a message recipient list of user identifiers for selection, receiving a user identifier comprising receiving a selection of the user identifier from the message recipient list.

5 10. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
providing a plurality of message recipient list identifiers for selection;
receiving a selection of at least one message recipient list identifier;
providing a message recipient list of user identifiers for selection based on the
10 selected message recipient list identifier; and
receiving a user identifier comprising receiving a selection of the user identifier from the provided message recipient list.

15 11. The method of Claim 1, further comprising receiving a "send message" command, providing the message and the user identifier from the application to the private network comprising providing the message and the user identifier when the "send message" command is received.

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- 5 12. A method for providing message services, comprising:
receiving a user notification message in a private network;
receiving in the private network a user identifier for at least one recipient of
the message, the user identifier operable to identify the recipient;
determining a mobile station identifier based on the user identifier; and
transmitting the message to a mobile station for the recipient based on the
mobile station identifier.
- 10 13. The method of Claim 12, further comprising:
requesting authentication information for a sender;
receiving the authentication information for the sender from an application;
determining whether the sender is authenticated; and
providing confirmation of the authentication to the application when the
sender is determined to be authenticated.
- 15 14. The method of Claim 13, the authentication information comprising at least
one of a user name and a password.
- 20 15. The method of Claim 13, the application comprising a Web-based interface.
- 25 16. The method of Claim 13, determining whether the sender is authenticated
comprising determining whether the sender is authenticated based on a stored service profile
for the sender.
17. The method of Claim 12, determining a mobile station identifier based on the
user identifier comprising determining the mobile station identifier based on a stored
assignment of the user identifier to the mobile station identifier.

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18. A method for providing message services, comprising:
assigning a user identifier to a first mobile station identifier corresponding to a
first mobile station in a private network;
receiving in the private network a first message and the user identifier, the user
5 identifier operable to identify a recipient for the first message;
determining a mobile station identifier for the first message based on the user
identifier, the mobile station identifier for the first message comprising the first mobile
station identifier; and
transmitting the first message to the first mobile station based on the first
10 mobile station identifier.
19. The method of Claim 18, the user identifier comprising at least one of a first
name, a last name and a nickname for the recipient.
20. The method of Claim 18, the first mobile station comprising a mobile
15 telephone.
21. The method of Claim 20, the first mobile station identifier comprising a
telephone number for the mobile telephone.
22. The method of Claim 18, further comprising:
assigning the user identifier to a second mobile station identifier
corresponding to a second mobile station in the private network;
receiving in the private network a second message and the user identifier, the
25 user identifier operable to identify a recipient for the second message, the recipient for the
second message comprising the recipient for the first message;
determining a mobile station identifier for the second message based on the
user identifier, the mobile station identifier for the second message comprising the second
mobile station identifier; and
30 transmitting the second message to the second mobile station based on the
second mobile station identifier.

23. The method of Claim 22, the user identifier comprising at least one of a first name, a last name and a nickname for the recipient.
24. The method of Claim 22, the first mobile station comprising a mobile telephone.
25. The method of Claim 24, the first mobile station identifier comprising a telephone number for the mobile telephone.
26. The method of Claim 22, the first mobile station comprising the second mobile station.

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27. A system for providing message services, comprising:
at least one computer-processable medium; and
logic encoded on the computer-processable medium, the logic operable to
receive a user notification message in an application, to receive a user identifier for at least
one recipient of the message in the application, the user identifier operable to identify the
recipient, and to provide the message and the user identifier from the application to a private
network operable to transmit the message to a mobile station for the recipient, the mobile
station having a corresponding mobile station identifier, the user identifier assigned to the
mobile station identifier in the private network.

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28. A system for providing message services, comprising:
at least one computer-processable medium; and

logic encoded on the computer-processable medium, the logic operable to receive a user notification message in a private network, to receive in the private network a user identifier for at least one recipient of the message, the user identifier operable to identify the recipient, to determine a mobile station identifier based on the user identifier, and to transmit the message to a mobile station for the recipient based on the mobile station identifier.

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29. A system for providing message services, comprising:

at least one computer-processable medium; and

logic encoded on the computer-processable medium, the logic operable to

assign a user identifier to a first mobile station identifier corresponding to a first mobile

station in a private network, to receive in the private network a first message and the user

identifier, the user identifier operable to identify a recipient for the first message, to

determine a mobile station identifier for the first message based on the user identifier, the

mobile station identifier for the first message comprising the first mobile station identifier, to

transmit the first message to the first mobile station based on the first mobile station

identifier, to assign the user identifier to a second mobile station identifier corresponding to a

second mobile station in the private network, to receive in the private network a second

message and the user identifier, the user identifier operable to identify a recipient for the

second message, the recipient for the second message comprising the recipient for the first

message, to determine a mobile station identifier for the second message based on the user

identifier, the mobile station identifier for the second message comprising the second mobile

station identifier, and to transmit the second message to the second mobile station based on

the second mobile station identifier.

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30. A system for providing message services, comprising:
- means for assigning a user identifier to a first mobile station identifier corresponding to a first mobile station in a private network;
 - means for receiving in the private network a first message and the user identifier, the user identifier operable to identify a recipient for the first message;
 - means for determining a mobile station identifier for the first message based on the user identifier, the mobile station identifier for the first message comprising the first mobile station identifier;
 - means for transmitting the first message to the first mobile station based on the first mobile station identifier;
 - means for assigning the user identifier to a second mobile station identifier corresponding to a second mobile station in the private network;
 - means for receiving in the private network a second message and the user identifier, the user identifier operable to identify a recipient for the second message, the recipient for the second message comprising the recipient for the first message;
 - means for determining a mobile station identifier for the second message based on the user identifier, the mobile station identifier for the second message comprising the second mobile station identifier; and
 - means for transmitting the second message to the second mobile station based on the second mobile station identifier.

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31. A method for providing message services for a private network, comprising:
receiving a non-address identifier for a recipient of a user notification
message, the non-address identifier being non-unique in the private network;
determining an address identifier for the recipient based on a sender of the
5 message and the non-address identifier;
addressing the message with the address identifier for delivery to the recipient
in the private network.

32. The method of Claim 31, further comprising:
10 providing the sender of the message with non-address identifiers as choices for
selection, the non-address identifiers associated with the sender; and
receiving a selection of the non-address identifier.

33. The method of Claim 31, further comprising:
15 determining a plurality of address identifiers based on the sender of the
message and the non-address identifier; and
addressing the message with the address identifiers for multiple deliveries to
the recipient in the private network.

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